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SUBJECT: ANGLO-IRISH AGREEMENT -- INTERNATIONAL FUND
- PRESS REACTION

1. THERE FOLLOW EXCERPTS FROM FEBRUARY 15, 1986 "IRISH TIMES" ARTICLE, "TREATY HOLDS UP U.S. AID TO NORTH," BY WASHINGTON CORRESPONDENT SEAN CRONIN.

2. BEGIN TEXT EXCERPTS: MR. RICHARD LUGAR, REPUBLICAN CHAIRMAN OF THE PUBLIC FOREIGN REALTIONS COMMITTEE, SAYS THE US EXTRADITION TREATY WITH BRITAIN MUST BE APPROVED BEFORE THE SENATE CAN ACT ON US AID FOR NORTHERN IRELAND.

IN HIS BLUNTEST WARNING YET, MR. LUGAR TOLD CONGRESSMAN MARIO BIAGGI, DEMOCRAT -- NEW YORK, "I SUSPECT THAT THE TREATY WILL BE MOVED ALONG BY THE AID QUESTION. I KNOW THAT MANY MEMBERS ARE ANXIOUS TO CONSIDER THIS ISSUE. BEFORE OUR COMMITTEE COULD ACT ON THAT, OF COURSE, WE WOULD HAVE TO HAVE THE TREATY APPROVED."

SOME MEMBERS ARE READY TO APPROVE IT (THE TREATY) NOW WHILE OTHERS WOULD LIKE TO REVIEW IT AT ANOTHER HEARING," MR. LUGAR WROTE. "PAUL TRIBLE AND I WILL WORK WITH THE COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT IT IS HANDLED WITH CARE."

OPPOSITION TO THE TREATY IS NOT CONFINED TO IRISH-AMERICAN SENATORS. SENATOR JESSE HELMS, CONSERVATIVE REPUBLICAN OF NORTH CAROLINA, HAS "GRAVE RESERVATIONS ABOUT THE MANY CONSTITUTIONAL QUESTIONS WHICH THIS TREATY RAISES ABOUT OUR TRADITIONAL RIGHTS OF POLITICAL SANCTUARY."

HE FEARS THAT ANTI-COMMUNIST "FREEDOM FIGHTERS" MAY ALSO BE EXTRADITED UNDER ITS PROVISIONS, BUT HE THINKS THE TREATY WILL BE DEFERRED UNTIL NEXT YEAR.

AS THE FRIENDS OF IRELAND SENATORS SHOW NO SIGN OF DROPPING THEIR OPPOSITION TO THE TREATY BY LINKING IT WITH US AID, MR. LUGAR MAY BE PURSUING AN ADMINISTRATIVE TACTIC WITH THE HOPE THAT THE IRISH GOVERNMENT WILL ADVISE SENATOR BIDEN, DODD KERRY AND OTHERS WHO AGREE WITH THEM THAT THE HILLSBOROUGH ACCORD IS MORE IMPORTANT THAN THE RIGHT OF POLITICAL SANCTUARY FOR IRA FUGITIVES.

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SENATOR CLAIRBORNE PELL, OF RHODE ISLAND, RANKING
DEMOCRATIC MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE, WOULD PREFER TO SEE
CONGRESS HANDLE THE EXTRADITION ISSUE. "I HAVE NO SENSE
YET TO HOW THE TREATY IN ITS PRESENT FORM WOULD FARE IN
THE SENATE AS A WHOLE," HE TOLD MR. BIAGGI, "BUT I DO
KNOW THAT IT IS IN TROUBLE IN OUR COMMITTEE."

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SUBJECT: POSSIBLE ROLE FOR CARIBBEAN DEMOCRAT UNION
- (CDU) IN HAITI

REF: SOTIRHOS-EISNER TELCON, 2/18/86

1. WHEN SENATOR TRIBLE VISITED HERE LAST WEEK, HE SUGGESTED THAT PRIME MINISTER SEAGA AND THE CDU COULD HAVE A CONSTRUCTIVE ROLE TO PLAY IN FOSTERING DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN HAITI. SINCE SEAGA CURRENTLY HEADS THE CDU, THE SENATOR ASKED IF I WOULD SOUND HIM OUT ABOUT THIS POSSIBILITY. I TOLD HIM I WOULD DO SO.

2. I WILL BE TALKING TO THE PRIME MINISTER LATER TODAY AND INTEND TO RAISE THIS SUBJECT WITH HIM INDIRECTLY BY ASKING IF HE SEES A ROLE FOR CDU IN ASSISTING HAITI'S STEPS TOWARD DEMOCRACY. I DO NOT PLAN TO PUSH THE SENATOR'S IDEA AT THIS POINT, BUT SIMPLY GET THE BENEFIT OF THE PM'S THINKING ON THE MATTER. I WILL LET YOU KNOW SEAGA'S REACTION.

3. AS YOU ARE AWARE, CARL GERSHMAN, PRESIDENT OF THE NATIONAL ENDOWMENT FOR DEMOCRACY (NED) WILL BE ARRIVING IN KINGSTON TONIGHT FOR A ONE-DAY WORKING VISIT ENROUTE TO PORT-AU-PRINCE. SENATOR TRIBLE'S OFFICE WILL PROBABLY HAVE CONTACTED HIM ABOUT THE SENATOR'S IDEA BEFORE HE LEAVES WASHINGTON. I BELIEVE THE THOUGHT IS THAT NED MIGHT BE ABLE TO FUND SOME CDU-SPONSORED REGIONAL THINKING ABOUT THE DIRECTIONS OF DEMOCRATIC DEVELOPMENT IN HAITI. I DO NOT INTEND TO MENTION THE POSSIBILITY OF NED INTEREST IN A CDU-HAITI LINK TO SEAGA AT THIS JUNCTURE.
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SUBJECT: CONCERN THAT U.S. ACTIONS AGAINST QADHAFI
- HAVE STRENGTHENED HIM

1. (C - ENTIRE TEXT)

2. WE HAVE BEEN HEARING A LOT LATELY FROM A VARIETY OF JORDANIANS, WHO AS A GROUP ARE SECOND TO NONE IN THEIR LOATHING OF QADHAFI, ABOUT U.S. ACTIONS DIRECTED AT LIBYA. THE COMMON DENOMINATOR OF THESE COMMENTS IS A CONCERN THAT U.S. EFFORTS TO ISOLATE AND WEAKEN QADHAFI HAVE HAD THE OPPOSITE EFFECT, STRENGTHENING HIM AT HOME AND IN THE REGION.

3. THE SUBJECT WAS RAISED BY VIRTUALLY ALL OF THE JORDANIAN OFFICIALS WITH WHOM SENATOR MATHIAS MET. PRIME MINISTER RIFAI, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID THAT BEFORE THE U.S. PUBLICLY TARGETED QADHAFI HE WAS ISOLATED IN THE REGION AND VERY WEAK AT HOME BECAUSE OF A FAILING ECONOMY AND PLOTS AGAINST HIM IN THE MILITARY. NOW THE PEOPLE OF LIBYA HAD RALLIED TO HIM AS HAD THE ARAB WORLD, DESPITE THE GENERALLY LOW REGARD THE OTHER ARABS HAVE FOR QADHAFI. FOREIGN MINISTER MASRI ECHOED THIS THEME, SAYING HE HAD BEEN AT AN ISLAMIC CONFERENCE MEETING WHEN THE U.S. CAMPAIGN AGAINST QADHAFI HAD BEEN LAUNCHED AND HAD BEEN DISMAYED TO SEE HOW THE ISLAMIC STATES RALLIED TO LIBYA IN RESPONSE.

4. WE HAVE RECEIVED A NUMBER OF SIMILAR COMMENTS FROM PRIVATE JORDANIANS AS WELL. AN EAST BANK BUSINESSMAN, FOR EXAMPLE, SAID IT WAS CLEAR EARLY

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ON THAT QADHAFI WELCOMED THE ATTENTION THE U.S.
EFFORTS AGAINST HIM HAD PRODUCED. UNFORTUNATELY,
HE ADDED, THE ARAB POPULACE TENDS TO RALLY AROUND
ANY ARAB WHO IS ATTACKED BY AN OUTSIDER, REGARDLESS
OF HOW ODIUS HE MIGHT BE. THIS HAD NOW HAPPENED
IN QADHAFI'S CASE, TO THE CHAGRIN OF THE LARGE NUMBER
OF ARAB CITIZENS AND LEADERS WHO LOOK FORWARD TO
QADHAFI'S DEPARTURE FROM THE MIDDLE EAST SCENE.

5. COMMENT: WHEN JORDANIANS, EITHER OFFICIALS
OR CITIZENS, RAISE THIS SUBJECT THEY TEND TO DO SO
IN TONES OF SORROW. QADHAFI'S SUPPORT FOR, INTER
ALIA, TERRORISM AND IRAN HAVE MADE HIM AN ANATHEMA
FOR MOST JORDANIANS. THUS, THEY WOULD LIKE TO
SEE HIM AS WEAK AND ISOLATED AS POSSIBLE, AND REGRET
ANYTHING THAT HAS THE EFFECT OF HELPING HIM.
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